

LORD ROSEBERY WINS AGAIN

JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN'S MOTION REJECTED BY THE COMMONS.

THE GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, ABLE TO MUSTER ONLY 14 MAJORITY, THE VOTE STAND—

ING 270 TO 283—HARCOURT'S REPLY TO SALISBURY.

London, Feb. 18.—The House of Commons this evening rejected by a vote of 283 to 270 Joseph Chamberlain's amendment to the address in reply to the Queen's speech, declaring it to be against public interest that the time of the House be wasted upon bills which the Ministers admitted would not pass, when measures involving grave constitutional changes, which should be considered without delay, had been announced.

Sir William Harcourt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, looked after the Government's interests in the debate preceding the division on Mr. Chamberlain's motion. He referred to the Conservative demand last night by Lord Salisbury on Saturday, that the Government appeal to the country on the Home Rule issue alone. There never had been, he declared, and there never would be, any such thing as a single issue. The Ministers regarded themselves as absolutely bound, until condemned by the House of Commons, to prosecute the policy which they had been delegated to carry out.

Mr. Harcourt, the Unionist leader, replied. After the division Sir William moved the closure of the debate on the address. The motion was carried by a vote of 279 to 271, and the address was agreed to.

AGRICULTURE VISIT EMPEROR WILLIAM. HE REBUKES THEIR AGITATION, BUT SAYS HE WILL PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS.

London, Feb. 18.—Emperor William, who has recovered from his indisposition, to-day received a deputation of members of the Agrarian League, who presented a memorial asking a revision of the grain tariffs in the interests of protection. Dr. von Bötticher, Minister of the Interior; Dr. von Lucanus, Chief of the Emperor's personal staff, and Freiherr von Hammerstein, Minister of Agriculture, were present.

After Pilsen introduced the deputation to the Emperor, who said that he had been unfavorably impressed by the sensational character of the agitation of the Agrarian party, which had been carried beyond the bounds of moderation. He said that the Government would be directed toward fostering the interests with which the welfare of the country was bound up.

The members of the deputation subsequently expressed themselves as well satisfied with their reception.

The Landowners' League to-day unanimously approved Count Kanitz's plan, but also for the purpose of passing a resolution to protect German cattle from the diseases likely to be imported with foreign cattle.

During his visit in Friedrichshagen on Saturday he learned that Prince Bismarck had favored the League's programme. He said that he was in the health and had lost none of his mental vigor.

GIOIATTI WANTED IN ROME. TO BE PROSECUTED FOR LIBELLING CRISPI AND MISAPPROPRIATING BANCA ROMANA DOCUMENTS.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—A writ was served to-day upon Signor Gioiatti, ex-Premier and Minister of the Interior of Italy, who is in this city, summoning him to appear in Rome on February 22 to answer a charge of libel against the Italian Government.

London, Feb. 18.—The Central News correspondent in Rome says that ex-Premier Gioiatti is to be prosecuted not only for libelling Crispi, but also for appropriating the documents of the Banca Romana.

On Saturday he was seen by the press, and he was reported to be in the best of health and to be in the best of spirits.

Distress prevailing in London. MEASURES ON A LARGE SCALE BEING TAKEN FOR RELIEF OF THE UNEMPLOYED.

London, Feb. 18.—The continued cold weather in London is daily adding to the number of unemployed and starving people. Relief measures on a large scale are proposed. The Archbishop of Canterbury has issued an appeal for immediate and combined aid. Meetings for the purpose of relieving the distress are being organized, and proposals will be submitted for the organization of committees to make house-to-house visits in the regions of distress. Almost everybody is subscribing money for the relief funds, and the churches and chapels are becoming the centres of distribution of soup, clothing, etc.

QUEEN VICTORIA COMES TO LONDON. GREAT PRIVACY OBSERVED ON ACCOUNT OF HER SUFFERINGS FROM RHEUMATISM.

London, Feb. 18.—Queen Victoria, accompanied by ex-Empress Frederick of Germany, arrived in London from Osborn this afternoon. The Queen had requested that the strictest privacy be observed in her reception, and at the Victoria Station she was kept in seclusion so absolute that persons on the platform aligned along could not see her alight. The reason for this extraordinary privacy is that the rheumatism in her joints has increased so much that the Queen is unable to walk. She was assisted from the car down an inclined plane to the platform, where she was placed in a chair and carried to her carriage. Her dislike of public observation was further shown by the fact that a detachment of Life Guards completely encircled the carriage as it was drawn to Buckingham Palace. In spite of all precautions the Queen was heartily cheered as she left the station and along the route.

The Pall Mall Gazette says that the Queen was able to walk slowly along the platform of the Victoria Station, assisted by her Italian attendant, Countess Patricotti, in behalf of the Italian Embassy, and Mrs. Carter, wife of Mr. Hay's private secretary. Among the other Americans present were David D. Wells, Second Secretary of Legation, Major Ludlow, Military Attaché, and Mrs. Ludlow, Lieutenant Cowles, Naval Attaché, and Mr. Carter.

Another body from the Elbe found. London, Feb. 18.—A fishing boat arrived at Dungeness this morning with the body of Walter Schull, a passenger on the Elbe, for the recovery of which a reward of £20 had been offered. The body, which was picked up near Dungeness, had a lifebelt around it, and upon one of the fingers was an engagement ring.

An expert from the Board of Trade will assist the coroner in Lowestoft when the Elbe inquest is held. The body was recovered after a search and submergence of the crew of the steamer Cralie, which sank the Elbe.

Several hats, caps and bonnets were washed ashore near Looe, Cornwall, to-day. One cap was marked "Elbe" outside and "Roper" inside. The articles are supposed to have been carried to the Cornish coast by the strong east winds of the last two weeks.

THE GANGES DISAPPEARS IN A STORM. London, Feb. 18.—The British steamer Ganges, Captain Roberts, from New-Orleans for Havre, via Corbion, Spain, before reported as having broken her propeller and being towed back to Corbion, whence she was to be towed to Havre, is hopelessly stricken. While she was being towed to Havre her engines broke down, and she was driven back to Corbion, where she was towed to a coal station in the harbor.

REBELLION BREAKS OUT IN MUSCAT. London, Feb. 18.—A Central News dispatch from Bombay says that a serious rebellion has broken out in Muscat, the Arabian seaport on the Indian Ocean. The rebels have seized the town and are commanding the town. No more details can be obtained.

GERMANY NOT TO ANNEX SAMOA. London, Feb. 18.—In the House of Commons to-day Sir Edward Grey, Under Foreign Secretary, said, in reply to a question, that no special agreement had yet been made in regard to the ownership of land in Samoa by foreign nations. The United Kingdom Government, he also said, claimed the right to a coaling station in the harbor of Pago-Pago.

THE AURANIA IN A GALE.

HER DECK SWEEP BY HEAVY SEAS—SUICIDE OF A STEERAGE PASSENGER.

Queenstown, Feb. 18.—The steamer Aurania, from New-York for Liverpool, arrived here this afternoon. Her officers reported that she encountered an easterly gale on February 15 and 16. Several heavy seas swept her decks and two saloon port-holes were broken by the waves. A steerage passenger named Patterson jumped overboard last evening. The steamer stopped, but Patterson sank before help could reach him. In a letter which Patterson addressed to his wife in Chicago and left in his berth, he said that he was tired of life and its struggles.

WANT AMERICAN CATTLE KEPT OUT. FRENCH AGRARIANS ASK THEIR GOVERNMENT TO TAKE ACTION.

Paris, Feb. 18.—M. Gardaud, Minister of Agriculture, to-day received an agrarian delegation from the Departments of Pas-de-Calais and the Nord. The delegates urged upon him the need of taking steps against the importation of American cattle, which they said, threatened French cattle with contagion. The Minister said that the sub-committee had already been placed before a special committee on the diseases of cattle, and any necessary action would be taken. Premier Ribot also promised the delegates to give full attention to the matter.

ARMENIAN HORRORS CONFIRMED. EYE-WITNESSES REPORT UPON THEM TO THE ITALIAN CONSUL AT ERZERUM.

Rome, Feb. 18.—The Italian Consul at Erzerum has reported to his Government that he has confirmed the accounts of the Armenian massacres by the testimony of eye-witnesses.

HENRY IRVING TOO ILL TO ACT. London, Feb. 18.—Mr. Tyars took Henry Irving's part in "King Arthur" at the Lyceum this evening. The audience was informed that Mr. Irving had the influenza. He has been ill since last Thursday, and was advised repeatedly by his physician not to venture out. Mr. Irving finished the week, and will probably rest for several days.

TWO DEATHS FROM YELLOW FEVER. London, Feb. 18.—The Norwegian schooner Manger, Captain Knudsen, has been towed into Valparaiso Bay and placed in quarantine. Her captain and his wife died of yellow fever.

AN AMERICAN SCHOONER ASHORE. Havana, Feb. 18.—The American schooner John H. Converse, Captain Drisko, is ashore at Rio Medio, near Mantua, Cuba.

The John H. Converse is a three-masted schooner of 215 tons net, and was built in 1874 at Harrington, Me. Her home port is New-York. She is 124 feet in length, 33 feet wide, and 12 feet deep. She is owned by J. P. Rumbold of New-York.

ITALY'S ENVOY RECEIVED BY M. FAURE. Paris, Feb. 18.—Count Torrelli, the new Italian Ambassador, presented his credentials to President Faure at the Elyseé to-day. In King Humbert's name, he assured the President that the Italian Government was earnestly to maintain more cordial relations with France. President Faure replied that France was as anxious as Italy to preserve the friendship of the two countries.

TO PROTECT FOREIGNERS IN FORMOSA. Hong Kong, Feb. 18.—The British cruiser Mercury is here on duty for Formosa. The vessel was sent upon urgent representations that her presence was necessary to protect foreigners against outrages which are being committed by the Chinese.

LORD ACTON CALLED TO CAMBRIDGE. London, Feb. 18.—Lord Acton has been appointed professor of modern history at Cambridge, to succeed the late Professor Seeley.

Lord Acton, who is regarded as the leader of the Liberal Catholics in England, is sixty-one years old. He took a conspicuous part in the discussion resulting from the declaration of the infallibility of the Pope, and on account of his loyalty to Dr. Dollinger, leader of the Old Catholics, received the degree of Ph. D. from the University of Munich in 1872. Between 1870 and 1878 he was editor of two papers, and since 1878 he has been writing for the Times. He was elected to Parliament in 1880 and 1885, and in 1889 was created a baron.

MR. GILROY STARTS FOR ITALY. Paris, Feb. 18.—Ex-Mayor Gilroy, of New-York, left Paris for Italy this evening.

FATAL RESULT OF A BOYS' QUARREL. HENRY KANNERGEISER RESENTS A NICKNAME AND ENDS BY KILLING A COMPANION.

Skylarking with his friend, Henry Kannergeiser, of No. 27 E. 4th-st., caused the death of Charles Lewis, a wheelwright's apprentice, who lived at No. 26 Lewis-st., early last evening. Both lads were within a few months of being twenty years old, and both work in Edward Fie's wheelwright shop in Avenue C. Yesterday there was no work for them to do and they began to fool with each other in the street in front of the shop. Kannergeiser is a tall, awkward fellow, who has nicknamed him "Farmer" to his great disgust, and this name was laughingly applied to him by Jerome during the fun yesterday. It resulted in a wrestling match between the two at once, and in a moment Jerome had been thrown on his head on the pavement. He lay there apparently unconscious, and Kannergeiser, who was a good deal taller and heavier, went to his home, where he was living at Fourth-st. and close by. Dr. Hopkins was summoned in a hurry. When he arrived he found the lad dead. He had a compound fracture of the skull where his head had struck the pavement, and his tongue was swollen as though he had an epileptic fit, brought about by the injury. Dr. Hopkins gave the opinion that he had died of heart disease and epilepsy, the latter induced by his fall and injury.

There had been no ill-will in the wrestling match between the lads, but Kannergeiser heard that Jerome had been thrown and became frightened and ran away. The police of the Union Market station were informed and Detectives Striker and Longman were detailed to look for him. They arrested him at the corner of Avenue B and he was locked up in the station house.

A wild story was circulated in the neighborhood after the lads, but Kannergeiser had hit his friend over the head with a linch, but not a mark could be found on the head to indicate that he had done so, and the police after investigating the story could find no evidence to warrant the rumor and stigmatized it as "a boy's yarn."

A LARGE SCHOONER SUNK. ALL HER CREW BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DROWNED.

Philadelphia, Feb. 18.—This morning the masts of a large three-masted schooner were discovered sticking out of the sea, about eight miles off Sea Isle City, N. J. The vessel had evidently recently foundered, and she must have gone down suddenly, as all her sails were set. The topsails, blown into ribbons, fluttered in the wind. It is believed that the crew of the vessel have all been drowned. The vessel lies in about fifteen fathoms of water, and in a position dangerous to coastwise steamers and sailing vessels. Divers will endeavor to learn the vessel's name.

NO MORE INDIAN SUPPLIES FROM CHICAGO. Chicago, Feb. 18.—Secretary Hoke Smith has ordered the abandonment of the Indian supply station here at the end of this month, and has given reason for his action. Ex-Mayor Dewitt C. Greiger, who was appointed Indian Supply Agent last May, in consequence, sever his connection with the Department of the Interior. Mr. Greiger thinks the opposition of New-Yorkers had something to do with the order.

A VICTIM OF THE HAYMARKET RIOT. Chicago, Feb. 18.—"Dan" Daly, one of the policemen who charged on the Anarchists in the Haymarket riot and was almost killed by being struck on the head by a piece of the bomb, was taken to the Detention Hospital to-day, having been stricken by another violent attack of insanity. He rushed around his home flourishing two revolvers and threatening to kill every one in the house. He has been in the hospital since.

BISHOP McQUIDD MEET APOLOGIZES.

CONFIRMATION OF THE REPORT THAT HE HAS BEEN DISCIPLINED FOR CRITICIZING ARCHBISHOP IRVLAND.

Washington, Feb. 18.—It was recently stated in these dispatches on authority of "The New-York Freeman's Journal" that Bishop McQuidd, of Rochester, had been reprimanded by Leo XIX. for the attack made, from the pulpit of his cathedral, on Archbishop Ireland, and that notice of the reprimand had been conveyed by the Pope's order through Cardinal Ledochowski to Archbishop Corrigan, who is Bishop McQuidd's Metropolitan. It is now ascertained from the best sources of information that "The Freeman's Journal" statement was correct. Bishop McQuidd has received a severe reprimand, and is expected to make apology for his grave breach of ecclesiastical discipline. The right of Archbishop Ireland to speak and act as he did in New-York just before the late election is practically acknowledged.

Archbishop Corrigan could not be seen last night, and the Rev. Father James M. Connolly, his private secretary, after hearing the substance of the above dispatch, said: "I have nothing to say on the subject. I neither affirm nor deny it. I have a wish to be mixed up in other men's controversies."

DEATH OF THE "PROPHET ELIJAH." HE WAS AN ECCENTRIC PREACHER, WHO NUMBERED POPE SIX IN AND QUEEN VICTORIA AMONG HIS HEARERS.

Blackstone, Mass., Feb. 18.—Elijah Thayer died yesterday at his home at Chestnut Hill, aged eighty-three years. He was eccentric in religion and other ideas, and was widely known as the "Prophet Elijah," having a venerable appearance and being accustomed to ride or walk through the streets with foot and bare head, preaching the Gospel as he interpreted it. He believed in bodily transmigration, like Elijah's. He journeyed through Europe and Asia Minor bareheaded and barefooted, and is said to have gained audience for his sermons in the streets of London and Victoria. His eccentricities frequently got him into trouble in foreign countries, from which the American consuls frequently had to liberate him. He lived alone, but had considerable means, from which he gave freely for charity. He was formerly a shipowner in the Southern States.

A HARVARD STUDENT EXPELLED. HIS OFFENCE WAS WHIPPING A FELLOW UNDERGRADUATE—THE FIRST EXPELLSION IN YEARS.

Boston, Feb. 18.—A Harvard student, Prescott Warren, of the class of '96, has been expelled by the faculty from the college for administering a whipping to C. H. Kenyon, a special student in the Lawrence Scientific School. It appears that Warren became incensed at what he asserts was a false accusation made against him by Kenyon, and sought to punish the latter by giving him a flogging with a whip. Warren says that the whip was a small one, which he used for two or three blows had been given. The faculty decided, however, to expel him from the college. Warren is the son of a prominent family, and has been a student at Harvard in the last seven years.

A GLARING MISSTATEMENT EXPUNDED. THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CHICAGO ASSOCIATED PRESS' HEAVY EXPENSE OF LIABILITIES.

Sandusky, Ohio, Feb. 18.—"The Sandusky Register," published by L. F. Mack, a member of the Chicago organization styling itself the Associated Press, and formerly president of the Western Associated Press, has published a sensational editorial under the headline "A False Statement." In the dispatch sent out by the manager of the Associated Press Wednesday night concerning the annual meeting of that association at Chicago is this paragraph:

"The reports of the Board of Directors and general manager have shown that the Chicago Association has a deficit of \$100,000. The deficit is the result of the heavy expenses of the association, with the receipts and expenditures for the last season amounting to \$100,000. The deficit is the result of the heavy expenses of the association, with the receipts and expenditures for the last season amounting to \$100,000. The deficit is the result of the heavy expenses of the association, with the receipts and expenditures for the last season amounting to \$100,000."

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PENNSYLVANIA MINERS ENTOMBED. SIX OF THEM KILLED OUTRIGHT AND FOUR FATALLY INJURED.

Pottsville, Penn., Feb. 18.—By an explosion of mine gas on 10 o'clock this morning in the West Bear Ridge Colliery, of the Reading Coal and Iron Company, at Mahanoy Plane, six miners were killed and five were burned, four of them probably fatally. The explosion occurred in the lower part of the mine, and the gas was ignited by a lamp. The explosion was so violent that it threw the miners into the air, and the gas was so thick that it was impossible to breathe. The explosion was so violent that it threw the miners into the air, and the gas was so thick that it was impossible to breathe.

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The origin of the explosion is not known, but it is supposed that a naked light was the cause. The gas that had been let loose from a blast that was made in the gangway. The explosion set fire to the timbers of what is called the "monkey alley," cutting off the escape of the five men killed in the mine. The six men who were killed were: Charles Joseph Gilbe, of Crescent Hill; Thomas Durkin, of Girardville; Benjamin Reaser, of Mahanoy Plane; Peter Kline and Anthony Myers, of Ashland.

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RESSEMER STEEL PRODUCTION IN 1894. Philadelphia, Feb. 18.—The American Iron and Steel Association has received complete statistics of the production of Bessemer steel ingots and Bessemer steel rails of all weights and sections in the United States in 1894, including a small quantity of standard rails and a larger quantity of street and railroad rails which were made by manufacturers from purchased blooms. The total production of Bessemer steel ingots in 1894 was 3,579,101 gross tons, against 3,215,685 gross tons in 1893, showing an increase in 1894 of 363,415 tons, or 11.3 per cent. The total production of all kinds of Bessemer steel rails, including light and heavy and street and mine rails, in the United States in 1894 was 1,000,000 gross tons, against 1,129,490 gross tons in 1893, a decrease in 1894 of 129,490 gross tons, or 10.2 per cent. The production of Bessemer steel rails in 1894 was composed of domestic ingots and 119,919 tons rolled from purchased blooms. The rails reported which are definitely known to have been made in 1894 to 125,196 gross tons, against 125,223 tons in 1893 and 111,589 tons in 1892. The colliery has a capacity of 200,000 tons annually.

TO INVESTIGATE ALBANY'S WATER SUPPLY. Albany, Feb. 18.—Judge Clute, in the Court of Sessions to-day, charged the Grand Jury to investigate the insufficiency of the Albany water supply.

MAY BE A DOUBLE MURDER.

BROOKLYN POLICE LOOKING FOR A MYSTERIOUS STRANGER.

THE DEATH OF TWO YOUNG MEN FROM HOBOKEN IN A BROOKLYN HOTEL NOW THOUGHT TO BE THE RESULT OF A DELIBERATE DESIGN—ROBBERY THE ALLEGED MOTIVE.

The circumstances attending the death of Henry Knappe and John Selms, who were found asphyxiated by gas in room No. 1 at Miller's Hotel, Nos. 15 and 17 Broadway, Brooklyn, on Sunday, which was at first believed to have resulted from carelessness on the part of one of the men, now point strongly to murder. As a result of an investigation made by the police of the Fifth Precinct, assisted by a detective from Hoboken, a general alarm has been sent out for the arrest of an unknown man of whom the police have an accurate description, and who is believed to have caused the death of the two men by turning on the gas in the room while they were sleeping. The only motive assigned for the double crime was robbery. The dead men were known to have had \$300 in their possession when they left their homes in Hoboken on Saturday, and when the clothing was searched after death only \$850 was found. It was not until yesterday that the police learned the facts regarding the death of the men, the proprietor of the hotel and his night clerk, Henry J. Fanning, having kept them from the police.

The dead men were nineteen and eighteen years old respectively. Selms lived at No. 2 Willow-st., and Knappe, until Friday, at No. 12 Hudson-st., Hoboken, where he was employed as a clerk by Cord F. Langen. Selms was a messenger in the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad service. The register of the hotel gave the names of Kelly and Ryan.

The man whom the police are now looking for was registered as C. B. Lutz. He was apparently twenty-five years old.

The names were entered on the hotel register by the night clerk after the men had retired, their right names. It is alleged, not having been asked for by the clerk. It was on this account that some difficulty was experienced in identifying the bodies.

For three days before Knappe left his place the strange man was seen loitering about the grocery store and held frequent conversations with him. Nothing was thought of this, however, by Knappe's employer. When he left his place on Friday he received \$10, his month's wages, and told his friends that he was going West and that he had drawn \$150, his savings, from the bank.

The strange man was at the store when Knappe left his employer, and they went away together. Where they spent the night is still a mystery. On the same day Selms was sent by Benjamin Gardiner, who is an agent for John H. Starin, and by whom he was also employed, to New-York to collect \$150. He returned and told his friends that he did not get the money, being a trusted employee nothing was thought of this until Saturday, when he failed to appear, and inquiries were made by Mr. Gardiner, which resulted in discovering that he had received the money.

Detective McKenna, who is in the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, was put in charge of the investigation. He left for Hoboken on Friday night at his home. He had refrained from leaving the house on account of the plea of his dying mother that he remain at her bedside all night. When he left his home he was told by his mother that he was going to work. He kissed her affectionately.

"Come home soon as your work is done," were the last words his mother said to her son. The detective did not go to his work as his mother supposed, he evidently went in search of Knappe and the strange man. The trio reached the Brooklyn hotel about 2 o'clock on Sunday morning. The only baggage they had was the satchel which Knappe carried, and which contained his photograph and that of a young woman. The latter's picture was in a card which he had left for his mother and asking him if he had yet been confirmed and was still a good boy.

Clerk Fanning assigned Knappe and Selms to room No. 1, and the strange man to room No. 4, which was in the front of the house and room No. 1 in the back. When they went to their rooms the housekeeper, Mrs. Farrell, who was on the floor, says she heard the strange man and then went to her room. She was the last seen of the men alive. A few minutes before 11 o'clock Sunday morning Mrs. Farrell, while preparing the rooms, noticed that the door of room No. 1, occupied by Knappe and Selms, was ajar, and she was adjusting his necktie. She paid no further attention to this, and went on about her work. When she passed the room again the man had gone. She had left the hotel, and on reaching the office told the clerk to let his two friends sleep until noon.

"Let them have a good, long sleep," were his last words before he was taken to his room. The clerk had the housekeeper's key, and he tried to get into the room. He was not disturbed. At 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon Mrs. Farrell smelled gas, and traced it to room No. 1. The proprietor was sent for, and he tried to get into the room. It was found unlocked. When Miller opened the door he was staggered by the rush of gas. On the bed were Selms, while Knappe was on the floor near the door, dead and elevated. They were both dead, but fell unconscious and died.

The key of the door was lying on the bureau. It is believed that the stranger entered the room while the men were sleeping, and after he had turned on the gas he turned the key and turned on the stopcock, leaving his victims to their fate.

The tip of the burner could not be found and was evidently carried off. The tip was on the floor when the men took possession of the room.

COLONEL J. T. MARTIN SERIOUSLY ILL. Chicago, Feb. 18.—Colonel J. T. Martin, Adjutant-General of the Department of Missouri, is ill at the Chicago Beach Hotel. He has been suffering from a complication of kidney troubles for some time and is not expected to survive many hours.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES. Cincinnati, Feb. 18.—Charles Amory and Louis Hunsicker, clerks, respectively, broke through the ice yesterday afternoon and were drowned in the Ohio River. Their bodies have not yet been recovered.

South Hadley Falls, Mass., Feb. 18.—Soon after 2 a. m. burglars entered and robbed the postoffice by blowing open the safe, and made their escape with some \$400 in stamps and \$20 in money. The postoffice was closed for some time, and the postmaster was forced to flee. The burglars were seen by the postmaster, who was in the store, viewing the interior. The work was done with a capital of not less than \$150,000.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 18.—The insurance companies which the police on the life of the noted Dr. Fraker have offered \$40,000 for the apprehension of the doctor. The doctor was employed by the police in the case of the late Dr. Fraker, who was killed last week, but still think that the doctor is alive.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 18.—The home of Eli Seymour, at Lewiston, was burned Saturday night. The house was a two-story building, and was occupied by four to ten, were cremated. Mr. and Mrs. Seymour were at a dance when the fire broke out. The fire was caused by a gas stove. The fire was so violent that it threw the men into the air, and the gas was so thick that it was impossible to breathe.

Pittsburg, Feb. 18.—Information has been received in Homestead that Michael Reates and Andrew Sinto, two Homestead men, were lost by the sinking of the steamer "The Baboon" in the Gulf of Mexico. The steamer was carrying a large quantity of steel, and was bound for New-York. The steamer was seen by the coast guard, and was ordered to stop. The steamer was so damaged that it was unable to proceed, and was forced to return to Homestead. The steel was lost, and the men were missing.

Minneapolis, Feb. 18.—The Ashbury Methodist Episcopal church was burned last night at 11 o'clock this morning, and soon the flames had spread so fiercely that a second alarm was turned in. All the patients, including one who was upon the operating table, were removed in safety to St. Barnabas's Hospital and adjoining houses. The damage will amount to \$10,000.

HE CUT HIS WIFE'S THROAT.

A COLDBLOODED MURDER IN HOBOKEN. AN ENGINEER KILLS HIS SPOUSE, WITH HIS MOTHER IN THE NEXT ROOM—THE MURDERER CREAT STILL UNCAUGHT.

Hoboken was the scene of another brutal wife murder yesterday. The victim was Helena Spearling, and she died at the hands of her husband, Christopher Spearling. The weapon used was a razor, and the dead woman almost had her head cut off. The couple lived at No. 24 Madison-st., Spearling was an engineer, and earned good wages. His home was comfortable, but Spearling used to get very drunk and abused his wife. She had him arrested not long ago, and he had just completed a three months' term in the penitentiary. After his release the couple quarreled frequently.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning the murder was committed in the front room. Spearling and his mother, Mrs. Frances Spearling, who is seventy-two years old, were in the kitchen. Spearling went into the front room, closing the kitchen door. In a few minutes he returned. Mrs. Spearling, the mother, says she heard no noise. Her son put on his hat and went out. At the foot of the stairs he met Mrs. Sophia Behn, who lives on the first floor, and told her he had cut his wife's throat. Mrs. Behn, who was a neighbor, told him it was a sorry joke. She was looking for her son, and told him she was going to his apartment and Spearling said he would go with her. She went to his apartment, and found her son with a bloody knife in his hand. She called for help, and the police were sent for. The police found the body of Mrs. Spearling in the front room, and the razor was found near her head. The police are now looking for the murderer.

An alarm was at once given, and among the first to respond was a policeman who was accompanied by the mother of the murdered woman's brother. The latter carried a loaded revolver with which he intended to shoot Spearling, he said. The police found the body of Mrs. Spearling in the front room, and the razor was found near her head. The police are now looking for the murderer.

HAYWARD'S WITNESSES TESTIFY. EVIDENCE WHICH IMPLICATES BOTH BROTHERS IN THE MURDER OF MISS GING.

Minneapolis, Feb. 18.—Maggie Wichter, the star witness for the defence in the Ging murder trial, told her story this afternoon, and the testimony of Harry Hayward's defence is coming to the surface. From increasing evidence that "Adry" was in some way connected with the murder the belief is gaining credence that both men were mixed up in the plot. Bixt's remark that "Adry" said to him, "Be sure you bring the iron," gains fresh significance every day as the case unfolds. There is certainly expressed in some quarters the belief that the State is being deceived by the testimony of Bixt and Hayward. In this case the defence will be able to prove its alibi for Harry Hayward, and that it was "Adry" who met Bixt on Kenwood Boulevard.

When Miss Wichter was called to the stand she looked indignant, and her looks did not belie the fact that she was a woman of strong character. When asked as to the statement made by Bixt that he had accused "Adry" of the murder, she said that she had heard Bixt say that he had accused "Adry" of the murder, and that she had heard Bixt say that he had accused "Adry" of the murder.

When asked whether she had been threatened by Bixt, she said that she had been threatened by Bixt, and that she had been threatened by Bixt. When asked whether she had been threatened by Bixt, she said that she had been threatened by Bixt, and that she had been threatened by Bixt.

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A GROTESQUE TALE OF A ROBBERY. ALLEGED APPEARANCE OF A MASKED BURGLAR IN WEST CHESTER VILLAGE—FRANKS OF A WOMAN.

Charles Jerome, station agent at the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad's station at West Chester village, where he also acts as the agent of the Adams Express Company, tells a high-toned and grotesque tale of an attempt to rob him on Saturday night.

The village has a bank. The bank is closed to business on Sunday, but because of contagious disease in the interior part of the building in which it has its offices. The bank has been quarantined, but that does not prevent its doing business, as it has opened a temporary office in the railroad station. This, of course, brings a considerably larger amount of money to the station daily than is ordinarily the case. This is given in the tale as the reason why the bold robber descended on the little station. Jerome's story is that about 10 o'clock on Saturday afternoon when the robber entered the place, the intruder, according to Jerome, wore a pair of leather trousers, a short corduroy coat, a belt, and between his coat and the belt he thrust a big revolver. Crowning all was a big light-colored hat. A bristling mustache completed the picture, except that the man wore a mask. Jerome says the man put on a pair of black gloves, and he tried to get into the bank. He was stopped by Jerome, and he was stopped by Jerome. He was stopped by Jerome, and he was stopped by Jerome.

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